

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A system for providing away-from-home calling service in which a subscriber makes a telephone call from a subscriber telephone; comprising:

a switch coupled to the subscriber telephone on which a trigger is provisioned to intercept telephone calls intending to use the calling service;

a service control point coupled to the switch provisioned to receive an authentication request from the switch;

a line database storing authentication and verification information and services information regarding home telephone services provisioned on the subscriber's home telephone line, wherein the line database provides the information regarding the home telephone services to the switch in response to a query from the service control point.

2. The system recited in claim 1, wherein the telephone subscriber is prompted to enter call completion information after being authenticated.

3. The system recited in claim 2, wherein the switch performs the prompting.

4. The system recited in claim 2, further comprising a service control node, which performs the prompting.

5. The system recited in claim 2, wherein the call completion information comprises a called party telephone number.

6. A method for providing an away from home calling service, comprising the steps of:

(a) dialing an access number to access the away from home calling service;

- (b) prompting a caller for authentication information;
- (c) authenticating the caller;
- (d) obtaining home service information regarding the caller's home

telephone line;

- (e) prompting the caller for call completion information; and
- (f) completing the telephone call in accordance with the caller's home

service information.

7. The method recited in claim 6, further comprising the step of prompting the caller for call completion information.

8. The method recited in claim 6, further comprising the step obtaining a PIN from the caller.

9. The method recited in claim 6, further comprising the step of responding to a trigger encountered when the caller dials the access number.

10. The method recited in claim 6, further comprising the step of performing a database search to obtain the home service information.

11. A switch for allowing a telephone subscriber to make a telephone call from a remote telephone using services provisioned on the telephone subscriber's home telephone comprising:

means for receiving a telephone call from a caller;

a trigger provisioned to respond to the received telephone call by sending a message to an service control point;

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means for prompting the caller to enter authentication and validation information;

means for sending the authentication and validation information to the service control point;

means for receiving a message containing the home services provisioned on the caller's home telephone line;

means for prompting the caller for call completion information; and

means for completing the call in accordance with the call completion information and home services information.

12. The switch recited in claim 11, wherein the trigger is a termination attempt trigger.
13. The switch recited in claim 11, wherein the trigger is a public office dialing plan trigger.
14. The switch recited in claim 11, wherein the authentication and validation information comprises a PIN.
15. The switch recited in claim 11, wherein the authentication and validation information comprises an account number.
16. A system for allowing a caller to complete a telephone call made from a remote telephone using services available to the caller on his or her home telephone, comprising:
 - a remote telephone on which the caller makes the telephone call; and

a switch to receive the telephone call from the caller and in response thereto, obtain validation and authentication information from the caller, to obtain home service information related to the caller's home telephone line, and to complete the telephone call in accordance with the home service information.

17. The system recited in claim 16, wherein the authentication and validation information comprises a PIN.

18. The system recited in claim 16, wherein the authentication and validation information includes a subscriber away-from-home account number.

19. The system recited in claim 16, wherein the telephone call is a long distance telephone call, and the home service information comprises a long distance carrier.

20. A method for providing telephone services provisioned on a subscriber's home telephone line when the subscriber is away from home, comprising the steps of:

(a) provisioning a trigger on a switch that is encountered when a subscriber attempts to use home telephone line services while away from home;

(b) requesting authorization and validation information from the subscriber when the trigger is encountered;

(c) transmitting the authorization and validation information to a service control point;

(d) confirming the subscriber is a valid user on the basis of the authorization and validation information; and

(e) returning telephone services provisioned on the subscriber's home telephone line to the switch if the subscriber is a valid user.

21. The method recited in claim 20, further comprising the step of completing a telephone call using the telephone services provisioned on the subscriber's home telephone line returned to the switch.

22. The method relied in claim 20, further comprising the step of obtaining call completion information from the subscriber after the subscriber has been validated.

23. The method recited in claim 20, further comprising the step of obtaining a PIN from the subscriber as part of the authentication and validation information.

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